

you recognize consent.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: You could probably ask five different people and get five different answers. Senator Owen Elmer, give me your opinion of community consent, if you would please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Stan, I'll be very glad to. A community is a community of interest. A school district has an election to build a new building. All voters that are going to be paying for that building vote. The same thing in a county, building a courthouse or a jail. The people that are going to be paying for a facility are the people who should be giving the consent. In this instance, the community that is paying for this facility is comprised of all of the electrical ratepayers, the people that are involved in research in universities, the people that are involved in the medical centers in five whole states.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: How can you say that the whole state is a community? You're from Indianola and that's a community. Now you can't say the whole state is a community.

SENATOR ELMER: I said community of interest and the people that are interested in the site are those that are paying for the site and will benefit from the use thereof.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I guess...thank you, Senator. When you consider community consent, you have to consider the community that you're from. You don't consider the whole state. There is a lot of ways I agree that you can look at community. It can be a county, it can be a local area. Some way we need to define community. It should have been done years ago, shouldn't say years ago, a couple of years ago with Governor Orr. She should have said the community will be...this will be the community consent, but it wasn't. It was loosely used and so now we're faced with this situation. This country...we don't put anything in a certain area unless the people want it, and if you put it there without them wanting it, you're asking for problems and that's what we're having right now. You can't put any kind of facility like this in an area unless the people want it and there has to be some place in this state where the people will take it and they will take it...

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